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I believe I am the original, first, and sole inventor (*if only one name is listed below*) or an original, first, and joint inventor (*if plural names are listed below*) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

ELECTROCHEMICAL ETCHING METHOD AND APPARATUS AND PRODUCT
MANUFACTURED THEREBY

the specification of which:

is attached hereto.
 was filed on _____ as Serial No. _____ and was amended
on _____ (*if applicable*).
 was described and claimed in PCT International Application No. PCT/JP00/03307
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_____ (*if any*).

I state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the specification identified above, including the claim(s), as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information that is material to the examination of the application identified above in accordance with 37 CFR §1.56.

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PRIOR FOREIGN PATENT, UTILITY MODEL, AND DESIGN REGISTRATION
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COUNTRY	PRIOR FOREIGN APPLICATION	DATE OF FILING (day,month,year)	PRIORITY CLAIMED UNDER 35 USC §119(a)	
			YES	NO
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